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FREE RECIPE #1

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

The single most requested recipe in Southern Living history. One taste, and the reason is obvious!

Hands-On Time: 41 min.

Total Time: 1 hr. 16 min., including Cream Cheese Frosting

Makes 12 servings

Wax paper	1	cup vegetable oil
Shortening	2	cups mashed bananas
3 cups all-purpose flour	1	cup chopped pecans
2 cups sugar	1	(8-oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 tsp. baking soda	1½	tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. salt		Cream Cheese Frosting
1 tsp. ground cinnamon		
3 large eggs		

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 3 (9-inch) round cake pans with shortening; line pans with wax paper, and grease paper. Dust with flour, shaking out excess.

2. Combine 3 cups flour and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not beat.) Stir in bananas, 1 cup pecans, pineapple with liquid, and vanilla. Pour batter into prepared pans.

3. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool layers in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

4. Spread Cream Cheese Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Store in refrigerator.



Cream Cheese Frosting

1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter, softened

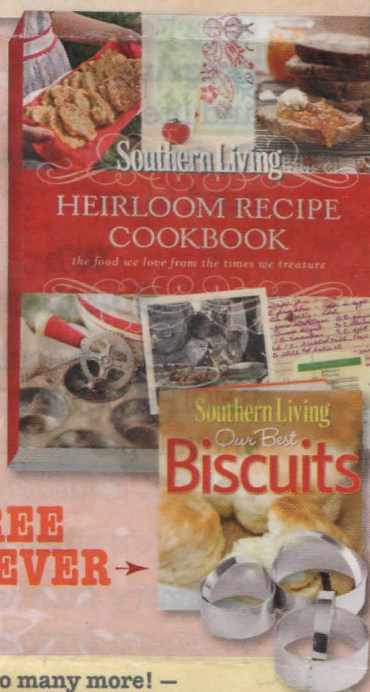
1 (16-oz.) package powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract

1. Beat cream cheese and butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until light and fluffy. Stir in vanilla. Makes about 3 cups.



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